

Minutes of the Public Works Committee
August 14, 2014

Chair David Swan called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Committee Members Present: County Board Supervisors David Swan (Chair), Steve Whittow, Kathleen Cummings (arrived at 8:38 a.m.), Robert Kolb, Richard Morris, Carl Pettis and Keith Hammitt.

Also Present: County Board Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Programs and Projects Analyst Windy Jicha, Architectural Services Manager Dennis Cerreta, Hazardous Materials Coordinator Steve Todd, Highway Operations Manager Pete Chladil, Director of Public Works Allison Bussler, Park System Manager Duane Grimm, Matt Masterson of The *Freeman*.

Approve Minutes of July 10, 2014

MOTION: Morris moved, Whittow second, to approve the minutes of July 10, 2014. Motion carried 6-0.

Reports by Committee Member Liaisons

Swan said he and Morris will report on their experiences at the upcoming Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA). Swan will be attending and voting in County Board Chair Decker's stead at the WCA board of directors meeting held during the conference.

Future Meeting Dates

- September 11, 2014 (capital projects and regular business)
- October 2, 2014 (budget review)
- October 16, 2014 (regular business)

Approval of Bid: Waukesha County Capital Project #201204 – Jail Holding Cells and Waukesha County Building Project–Medical/Visitation Area

Cerreta said these two projects were bid as one to limit the number of contractors working in the jail and then he reviewed a memo dated July 22 regarding the bids that was sent to committee members prior to the meeting.

Cummings arrived at 8:38 a.m.

MOTION: Morris moved, Whittow second, to approve the bids submitted by Triad Construction for base bid 1 for jail holding cells for \$240,800 and base bid 2 for the medical/visitation area for \$46,800.

Cerreta reviewed the projects that will provide additional space for inmates with special mental or physical health needs and replace a wall in the medical/visitation area with security glass to reduce the number of staff needed to supervise inmates. Swan said the sheriff's department likes having to use only one person to observe two areas.

Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Bid: Demolition or Removal of Eble Barn and Silo (Bid PLU14-06)

Grimm said the county board approved this project last year through the budget process. Research shows that demolishing the Eble barn and silo are more cost effective than renovating and repairing. In addition to working with purchasing and emailing project information to demolition companies registered with Waukesha County, Todd said he sent personal notes to people on a University of Wisconsin-Extension

list who have shown interest in renovating barns. Guelig Waste Removal and Demolition, LLC won the bid and alternative bid for building razing services at \$32,290.

Grimm said Waukesha County will upcycle select barn beams into a gazebo-like structure for the park's gardens to honor the Ebles' dedication and donation to Waukesha County. Todd said the county will honor the Eble family's request and allow them to salvage pieces of the barn as long as the materials are free of lead paint. The committee and presenters further discussed plans for the park.

Swan explained the committee's responsibilities in regards to bid approvals.

MOTION: Hammitt moved, Morris second, to approve the bid submitted by Guelig Waste Removal and Demolition, LLC for bid items #9000, 9001 and 9002 (\$31,690) and alternate bid item #9004 (\$600) in the amount of \$32,290.

In response to Morris' question, Todd briefly explained Guelig's cost effective demolition system.

In response to Cummings's question, Todd said none of the people on the University of Wisconsin-Extension's list responded to his notes. Cummings said she is happy that the county was sensitive to the Eble family's heritage and made an effort to salvage building materials but she is unsure how she will vote. Mader reminded the committee that they are voting on whether the bid process was handled according to state statutes. Voting against the process sends a chilling message and negatively affects the staff who handled the process correctly. Cummings asked the minutes to reflect that while she supports the bid process, she reluctantly supports this project.

The committee and presenters continued to discuss plans for the property, the estimated costs and process of renovating the barn, the fact that the county does not have use for the barn and suggestions to commemorate structures and their history before demolition.

Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION: Whittow moved, Hammitt second by to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Cummings
Secretary

The committee toured the department of public works highway operations/fleet maintenance facility after adjournment until 10:30 a.m.